CAGs recommendation on Government Presses

†3079. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the work costs more in Government printing presses in comparison to that of private printing presses;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken note of the observations of Comptroller and Auditor General of India in which it has been recommended that keeping in view the said reasons the need to continue the Government presses should critically be examined;

(c) if so, whether Government propose to investigate the reasons of under utilisation of 21 printing presses of Government;

(d) if so, by when; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) to (e) The Government are aware of the reasons for under utilisation of the Government of India Presses which are as under:—

(i) Old technology in some Presses;

(ii) Shortage of power;

(iii) Short-run jobs; and

(iv) Mismatch of operatives with reference to machines.

Pending complaints in Sarojini Nagar CPWD Enquiry Office

3080. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of written requests for carrying out repair works of walls/ roofs etc. of Government quarters located in YZ block of Sarojini Nagar, New Delhi pending with CPWD Enquiry Office, Sarojini Nagar since May, 2000 to till date;

(b) the reasons for not carrying out the required repairs; and

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(c) by when the repair work will be undertaken in such quarters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) No complaints are pending.

(b) and (c) Question do not arise in view of reply to (a) above.

Pollution in cities due to increase in population

†3081. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether pollution is increasing in most of cities of the country due to increase in the population;

(b) whether Government have formulated any effective plan or programme to tackle this problem;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if no, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) to (c) Pollution levels exhibit a rising trend in metropolitan towns. This is due to increase in economic activities including industries and transportation, accompanied by growth in population. However a decreasing trend has been observed recently in case of National Capital Delhi due to various pollution control measures taken by the Government. The following steps have been initiated to control pollution in the metropolitan towns:

(i) Effluent and emission standards have been notified under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 to check pollution.

(ii) Industries have been directed to install necessary pollution control equipments in a time bound basis and legal action is taken against the defaulting units.

(iii) A scheme under the World Bank for setting up Common Effluent Treatment Plants (CETPs) in clusters of small scale industrial units had been taken up. 89 CETPs have been approved which are at various stages of development.

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